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SUBJ: CAIRO PRESS ON ACADEMY ATTACK: LIBYA REMAINS IN FOCUS

- 1. APRIL 28 CAIRO PRESS CONTINUED WITH REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO APRIL 17 ATTACK ON ACADEMY. AKHBAR PUBLISHES VERBATIM RECORD OF PART OF SALIH SARIYYA'S CONFESSION IN WHICH SARIYYA STATED THAT QADHAAFI HAD TOLD HIM TIME HAD COME TO END EGYPT'S SCHEMES AIMED AT LIQUIDATING PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND PARTITIONING ARAB WORLD BY INSTIGATING A "POPULAR REVOLUTION" THROUGH COMMANDO OPERATION INSIDE EGYPT ITSELF. SARIYYA SAID THAT HE EMERGED FROM HIS MEETING WITH QADHAAFI "UNDER THE SPELL OF HIS TALK ABOUT EGYPT'S ATTITUDE", AND WAS MOVED TO PLAN A COUP AGAINST THE EGYPTIAN REGIME.
- 2. APRIL 29 GUMHURIYYA GIVES NAME OF INDIVIDUAL WHOM QADHAAFI APPOINTED TO CONTACT SARIYYA IN EGYPT FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON EXECUTION OF "COMMANDO OPERATION": SA'D MUJBIR. ACCORDING TO GUMHURIYYA MUJBIR, AN "UNUSUAL PERSON WHO SPEAKS AT THE RATE OF ABOUT A THOUSAND WORDS A MINUTE", WAS A COMRADE OF QADHAAFI AT CONFIDENTIAL

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BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND, AFTER SELF-

EMPLOYMENT, TOOK UP WITH QADHAAFI AND WAS GIVEN CHARGE OF CERTAIN POLITICAL AND COMMANDO OPERATIONS. HE WAS ALSO GIVEN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN LIBYAN ASU SECRETARIAT.

- 3. GUMHURIYYA STATES THAT ABOUT 80 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE AFFAIR, MOST OF WHOM HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CRIMES RANGING FROM CRIMINAL COLLUSION TO MURDER. WE UNDERSTAND THIS FIGURE MAY BE CONSIDERABLY DEFLATED FROM ACTUAL NUMBER OF THOSE DETAINED.
- 4. APRIL 29 PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT LIBYA HAS ASKED ARAB LEAGUE TO INVESTIGATE ACADEMY AFFAIR, AND TO TAKE EVIDENCE FROM SARIYYA. EILTS

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